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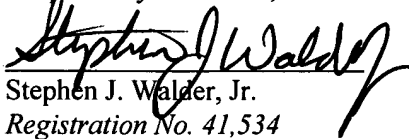
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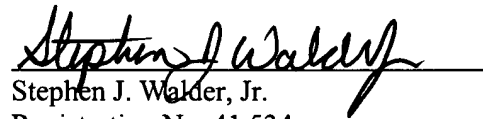
With regard to the pertinence of the cited references, these references disclose (1) a system and method to facilitate speech enabled user interfaces by prompting with possible transaction phrases (U.S. Patent No. 6,178,404); (2) a device and system to facilitate remote customer service (U.S. Patent No. 6,801,619); (3) a customer service operation using WAV files (U.S. Patent No. 6,640,210); and (4) a multimedia telecommunication automatic call distribution system (U.S. Patent No. 6,046,762). None of these references

are believed to teach or suggest blocking a portion of speech input that originates from a speaker and processing, or performing speech recognition on, a remaining portion of the speech input, as recited in the independent claims of the above-identified application. A copy of the cited references has been provided to the owner of the above-identified patent application.

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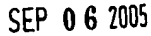
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